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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL SIGNED NUCLEAR TERRORISM CONVENTION,  
RATIFICATION IN PROGRESS

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Emboffs spoke with MFA Defense and Security Organizations Officer Filipe Ramalheira regarding Portugal's status on the Nuclear Terrorism Convention (NTC). Ramalheira was familiar with the terms and background of the NTC. He confirmed that Portugal has signed the convention and is awaiting ratification by the Portuguese Parliament. Portugal's legal structure is sufficiently developed to ensure proper national compliance once the NTC is ratified. Post will continue to monitor the NTC's ratification progress and encourage the Portuguese to take action as soon as possible.

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